



16th annual
LITERARY SOJOURN
Festival of Authors

SUBJECT: Nathaniel Philbrick joins Literary Sojourn 2008

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Greetings book lovers!

Literary Sojourn is proud to announce our first author for the 16th annual festival of readers and authors on Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Plan to spend the afternoon with National Book Award winner Nathaniel Philbrick, whose most recent book, "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War," was named one of the 10 best books of the year by the New York Times and was a finalist for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize.

Inspired by his love of the sea, his knowledge of sailing and his familiarity with life in coastal New England, Nathaniel Philbrick is known for such critically acclaimed works as "Abram's Eyes: The Native American Legacy of Nantucket Island," a story about the island's last surviving Wampanoag native; and his National Book Award-winning nonfiction title, "In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex," based on an 1820 incident that also inspired Herman Melville to pen his classic novel "Moby Dick." Building upon an 1821 account of the Essex voyage written by first mate Owen Chase, Philbrick's tale was praised as "by turns a compelling history, rip-roaring adventure and horror story," and "a spellbinding yarn...awash with human frailty."

A 2007 Pulitzer Prize finalist for "Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War," Philbrick writes about the period from when the Mayflower landed at Plymouth through the deadly King Philip's War, to the death of first governor, William Bradford.

Visit the Literary Sojourn Web site: www.literarysojourn.org for more information about Nathaniel Philbrick, as well as upcoming information about more 2008 authors and their reading lists. Look for tickets to go on sale in the spring!

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